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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BERLIN

REF: USBERLIN 0030

1. SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ TOLD ALLIED LIAISON OFFICERS ON JANUARY 13 THAT BERLIN ICE SPEEDSKATING ASSOCIATION HAD SENT TO SOVIET CONGEN SHARKOV THAT MORNING A LETTER WHICH WAS INTENDED TO CONFIRM THAT BOTH BERLIN AND FEDERAL SPEEDSKATING BODIES WERE HOSTS OF CHAMPIONSHIP. LETTER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GROUP WOULD BE ABLE TO GREET SOVIET ICE SPEEDSKATING GROUP IN BERLIN. HERZ ASKED THAT INFORMATION BE CLOSELY HELD. EXPECTATION IS THAT SOVIETS WILL ACCEPT LETTER AS SECOND INVITATION THEY HAD BEEN DEMANDING. HERZ UNDERSTOOD THAT GERMAN SPORTS FEDERATION CHIEF WEYER HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN IN BONN. HE ADDED THAT LETTER WAS IN KEEPING WITH MODUS VIVENDI DISCUSSED BY FRG FONOFF OFFICIAL BLECH IN MOSCOW
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IN 1973.

2. WE BELIEVE IT ONLY QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE LETTER
BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND THAT CDU AND OTHER CRITICS
WILL USE THIS AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF SENAT MISHANDLING
OF SPEEDSKATING AFFAIR, DESPITE FACT THAT LETTER WAS
WRITTEN BY RESPONSIBLE SPORTS BODY AND NOT SENAT, AND
MANY WILL SAY THAT BERLINERS BACKED OFF IN FACE OF
SOVIET THREATS. GEORGE

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